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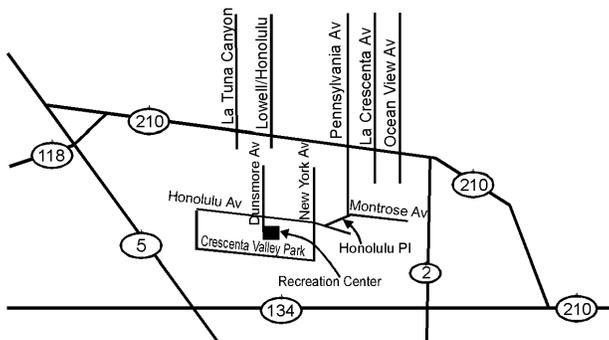
February 14, 2016

Sunday February 14, 2016

2:00 p.m. Sharp

HOW TO FIND US

Crescenta Valley Regional Park
Recreation Center
Dunsmore & Honolulu, La Crescenta



Thomas Guide 534-E-1

SUNDAY MEETING

Meetings consist of announcements, a feature presentation, a Challenge, Show & Tell and a wood raffle.

February 14, 2016

Challenge: Miniatures

**Presentation: Sea Urchin Ornaments
by Bill Loitz**

President's Message

We have confirmed that Chris Pytlik will be doing an all-day demo for us on Sunday the 28th of February. He is well known for his use of dyes and colored resins in his work. He does not have a website but you can find lots of pictures of his work on the Internet, Just Google him. His reviews as a demonstrator are very good, so I am looking forward to a great demo.



It is difficult for me to imagine being a young child and not having a single toy. This is the situation that many of the child refugees from Syria are facing. Hopefully everyone has made lots of spinning tops for these very deserving children. Be sure to bring them in to the meeting in February. Tops are a great way to make something out of all those short pieces of leftover wood that we all have. Nothing fancy, just as long as it spins it will become a treasured toy.

As I write this I am preparing to make an award-winning miniature for the upcoming challenge. All entries must fit inside a 35 mm film can. Dimensions for the inside of a can are 1-3/16 diameter x 1-7/8 deep. I hope to see lots of you step up and make some creative entries. I have found that finials and miniatures are a great way to improve my turning skills, as they take a very gentle touch and must be proportioned well. Small changes and variations really show up when making a small piece. The advantage is that if you make a mistake and have to start over, you have not wasted a great deal of wood.

I hope to see you at the meeting on Valentine's Day

Bill

CHALLENGE

January's "Challenge" was "Tools, Jigs, Tips and Fixtures", with a wide variety of good ideas and suggestions presented from club members, from the use of household products to designing and making your own tools.

SHOW AND TELL

There were a number of items in the show and tell this month. **Norm Leduc** brought in several bolt action pens. **Dennis Goff** had an elm bowl, finished with CA, as well as a "kikezuri" of unknown wood, finished with bees wax.



James Hurst brought three items: a vase of Douglas Fir that was sandblasted and finished with Transtint lacquer, a winged bowl of black locust and another bowl from elm, all finished with Mylands and Beal buffed.

Steve Cassidy had a prototype of a toobrush holder, mahogany and lacquer. **Floyd Pederson** had a couple of maple bowls finished with shellac. **Kathy Hein's** mug was of orange, frictions polish,.



Bob Wohlers's salt cellar was turned from a piece of 100 year old olive, with bees wax and coconut oil as a finish.

Rounding out the display, **Bill Loitz's** olive bowl was finished with polyoil, and **Bill Haskell** brought a selection of assorted weed pots from various woods, all finished with lacquer.



PRESENTATION



Jim Givens gave us a presentation on woodburning, bleaching and dying wood, with several previously finished pieces and a demonstration of techniques.

Upcoming Events:

Feb 06, Sorby Demo at Rockler Pasadena, 10am to 4 pm, 20% DISCOUNT on Sorby Turning Tools

Feb 14, monthly meeting, bring tops for Syrian refugee kids!

Feb 20 & 21 Inspection and Auction of Woodturning tools in Pasadena. Some tools

available for sale beforehand, contact Pete Carta 626-576-8717 for info.

Feb 28, Chris Pitlik demo, see President's column

Mar 20, Woodworking Show at Rockler in Pasadena, 9 am to 6 pm. Come and help introduce woodworking to the public.

2016 CALENDAR

Meetings:

February 14 (Valentine's Day)

March 13

April 10

May 15 (3rd Sunday)

June 12

July 10

August 14

September 11

October 9

November 13

December 11

2016 CHALLENGES

February- Miniatures

March- Bowls up to 6" in diameter

April- Jewelry

May- Natural Edges

June- Lidded Boxes

July- Multi-Axis

August- Hollow Forms, any size

September- Beads of Courage Boxes

October- Surface Decoration

November- Segmented or multi-layered

Finishing Thoughts

Welcome to new attendees: Adina and Brian Gordon, Stacy, Grant Christianson (who is a member of the San Fernando Valley Woodworkers group), and Mark Ashley, who received a new lathe for Christmas.

Remember to show your membership card at *Rockler in Pasadena* to get a 10% discount on all non-sale items. Remind them to put a check mark in the book for us. We get \$20 gift cards from them that we use in our monthly wood raffle and end of year holiday auction.

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